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Trenton's Great Murder Mystery Baffles the Detectives.

Miss Purcell's Story of Burglars Discredited by the Police.

Suspicion Upon Dr. Kniffin and the Pretty Typewriter.

It Was Her Handkerchief That Was Steeped in Chloroform.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD, 1 THENTON, N. J., Jan. 4 .- The bold burglars who Miss Emma Purcell says invaded the home of dentist Arthur S. Kniffin during his absence yesterday, chloroforming and killing Mrs. Myra Kniffin, and giving Miss Purcell only enough of the narcotic to ender her unconscious, had not been captured this

The police do not believe the murder was committed by burglars, or that any burglars entered the house.

This is the opinion of Detective Leabey, and is shared by Chief of Police McChes-

In consequence the majority of the peo ple here believe to-day that the story of



the burglars is a mythical one, and look in higher places for the real murderer, or murder to the burglars is a mythical one, and look in higher places for the real murderer, or waiting for one to take him to Broadway.

The tragedy has stirred up this community as no similar crime has ever done. The high standing of all the parties concerned, and the suspicion which has unavoidably failer on some of those most closely connected with the dead woman.

renders the case intensely interesting to mystery increases with every pass-

than they now possess.

Their strongest reason for disbelieving the burglar story lies in the fact that nothing was stolen from the house, although everything in it was turned topsy-turvy, and there were no indications of a forcible entrance.

ORIES WHICH NO ONE REARD. Miss Purcell says that when she was aroused by Mrs. Kniffin's struggles the latter was crying "Help, murder!" at the top of her voice, and yet no one in the neighborhood heard the least unusual sound from the house during the night and there was a night watchman on duty at a bank directly opposite the Kniffin omestead who neither saw nor heard any sommotion about the place during his tour of duty.

After her first story she told another one, saying that upon retiring on the fatal night the bed was shoved close to the bedroom door, and that it was the noise of the burglars shoving this away that aroused Mrs. Kniffin, who in turn aroused her, and that she sprang from the bed to run to a window, when the intruder got in, intercepting and chloroforming ber.

Revertheless, she can give no description of her assallant except to say that she thinks, one of his hands was black.

WAS SHE CHLOROFORMED.

Again she claims that when Dentist Shannon, Dr. Kniffin's partner, found her on the floor yesterday morning she was not unconscious, but inert, deprived of the power of movement, until he touched her and revived her dormant faculties.

She says the burglars entered the house between 3 and 44 M. and it was not

between 3 and 4 L M., and it was not until nearly 8 L M. that Dr. Shannon found her unconscious on the floor.

until nearly S. a. it that Dr. Shannon found her unconscious on the floor.
Chloroform would not have kept her in such a condition for nearly four hours. In the midst of all these conjectures and rumors Dr. Kuiffin, husband of the dead woman, moves shout the cynosure of all eyes, shadowed by detectives and severely commented upon by the people at large.

DR. ENIFFEE ON THE SCHOOL. He returned home from his hurried trip

to Broadway, a sparsely settled district of Warren County miles from his home, at 8 o'clock last night.

He had been notified of his wife's sad end by telegrams sent to him.

Dr. Kniffin is a good-looking fellow less than forty, who loves good living, fast horses, and is also said to have an eye for fine women.

Rumor has it that on the latter account he and his wife did not live as happily as they might have done.

When he stepped off the cars Detectives Pilger and Lealiey accosted him and invited him to take a walk.

He accompanied them to Police Headquarters.

I had been sent to Broadway to trace Dr. Kniffin's movements there.

At the Kniffin lodgings in Broad street this morning it was said that Miss Purcell was feeling quite comfortable.

"I sale sitting up?" asked The Evenno Wonld reporter.

"I can't talk to you any further," was the reply of the woman who came to the door, and the door was gradually pushed to.

THE DOCTOR PROSTRATED.

Dr. Kniffin, in response to another call, sent word that he was still too prostrated to talk to any one.

Coroner Bower visited the bouse this morning at 11 o'clock and arranged for

quarters.

On the train a lady and a child had been with him, but he leaped off alone.

It was given out that he had gone to Broadway to look at a farm with a view to purchasing it.

RELATIONS WITH MICS PURCELL. It is understood that this farm adjoins one owned by Miss Purcell's parents, and



that it was at the same place he was on the night of Nov. 30, when his house was alleged to have been entered by burglars before.

At that time Miss Purcell told a thrill-ing tale of masked men in her bedroom, who cowed her with knives and revolvers, and after all stoke only \$16 who they and after all stole only \$16 when they might have taken \$100 just as well.

As was stated in the full story of the tragedy told in yesterday's EVENING WORLD, Miss Purcell is a typewriter by occupation and a consin of the murdered woman.

From all accounts she and Dr. Kniffin

From all accounts she and Dr. Kniffin were good friends—too good, it is hinted, to please Mrs. Kniffin—and her presence in the household was the cause of more than one wordy quarrel.

Dr. Kniffin denies this, but admits that he was with her at the Phillipsburg depot on Tuesday, but he claims the meeting was an accidental one and that they only conversed together a few moutents. conversed together a few moments.

When asked where the young lady had been the doctor said she was returning from a New Year call on her parents at

VIEWING HIS WIFE'S CORPSY. After his examination at Police Head-quarters the Dector went to his home at 206 South Broad street, and gazed on the dead face of the woman who had been his wire for ten years.

He examined the rooms, but reported

nothing missing. He is cool-almost too cool, some think, under the circumstances.

WHY WAS THE BOY SENT OFF? The mystery increases of the police think it curious that the first police are moving slowly. They have drawn a line within which they feel sure the guilty ones are, but they fear to act decisively without stronger evidence than they now possess.

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but refused to say what it was.

All he would say further was that the boy had been taken by his grandmother. Mrs. R. Murphy, of her own accord, and that Mrs. Martin wanted Mrs. Kniffin and Miss Purcell to go also because of the fear of burghrs.

The ladies refused but the boy went. County Physician Leavitt's examination of Mrs. Knifin's body disclosed the fact there were several slight scratches or abrasions of the skin ou the chin, and most important of all he found on the beil a portion of a man's shirt.

This slight clue the police are jealously guarding.

tour of duty.

Miss Purcell has made several conflicting statements.

After her first story she told another bed, and her night-robe torn open at the



FOREMAN E. B. STEELING.

that would be as hard to unravel as this mystery seems it kely to be, is foreman of the Coroner's ury, which examined the body immediately after the nurder, and again this morning.

Coroner John E. D. Bower, Mr. Storlein and the eleven other jurymen agreed that she was nurdered, and this is about all in connection with the case that any twelve or thirless people can be expected to agree upon as the case now stands.

The Events World reporter learned this morning that two private detectives

Dr. Kniffin, in response to another call, sent word that he was still too prostrated to talk to any one.

Coroner Bower visited the house this morning at 11 o'clock and arranged for the post motem examination, which is now in progress under direction of County Physician Leavitt.

Policeman Hartman patrolled in front of the residence to keep back the numerous curiosity seekers who crowded around discussing the various rumors concerning the tragedy.

the tragedy. HAWKSHAWS IN CONSULTATION

Detectives Pilger, Leahy and Laue held a consultation this morning to decide on a line of investigation.

To The Evening World reporter one of them said: "We are still very much in the dark. Our work so far has consisted chiefly of suggesting theories that have an air of possibilities, but none of which have been verified on the subject.

The very large proportion of these resulting from pneumonia, which in most cases had its origin in an attack of influence, or La Grippe, makes it clear that this increased mortality can be directly attributed to the popular malady, and physicians are coming to the conclusion. subject. "I don't hesitate to say that the burglary theory presents so many inconsis-tencies that we don't give it much credit.

orter at noon that the position had been go under.

At the Custom House the epidemic is

LEHIGH VALLEY SQUEEZED OUT.

Tyngsbore, had been in feeble health for several months, when about a week ago he was attacked by the influenza and prostrated.

Doyle, who was at one time Acting Captain of the Thirteenth Precinct.

Patrolinan Essorth*8. Drew, of the Harlein police station, who died at Bellerated. Harlem police station, who died at Belle-rated. He won his military title as Colonel of the fifth, now the Sixth. Massachusetts Regi-makes the ninth officer the Police Department.
While Mayor of Lowell he entertained President Poly, in 1847, and he participated in the reception tendered to President Jackson when the inter visited Lowell, Col. Bancrott was righty-six years of age.

man, then he comes to Brooklyn next week. Indie Tighe was appended to score scate for the 200 members at the Brooklyn Theatre, where Mr. Hanian is to appear in "The Dark Secret" Company.

Judge Fitshke Euspended. Gov. Hill has filed with the Secretary of State a memorandum suspending Judie Phisike from the exercise of his dulies Judge or the City Court, and directing the consensation shall cause from the date

Parnell and C'Ehon's Sister. LOYDON, Jan. 5.—It is stated that Mr. Parnell was sugaged to Capt. O'Shea's sister, who died four years ago.

Startling Record of Deaths from Maladies induced by La Grippe.

physicians are coming to the conclusion CONFIDENT that in its more serious form La Grippe is to be regarded as a genuine symptom of

Ceaning Commissionership.

Mortimer, the manager for Marie Wain-right, the actress, who died yesterday at his home in New Dorp, Staten Island, and which has retired Louis Mossen and Miss Eugenic Tabor from the Madison Square Theatre Company. Every manager in town is trembling for his stars, for there is no telling who will be the next to

Indered to State Engineer John Bogart, but at be had declined the appointment. The Mayor had not yet decided upon any ther gentleman to fill the position.

EHIGH VALLEY SQUEEZED OUT.

At the Custom House the epidemic is gett ug in its fine work with unusual effectiveness. Assistant Collector Meclical is laid up at his home at Doth's Ferry, and his doctor says he won't be able to come out for a week.

ment has lost since the disease Among the prominent Brooklynites

Among the prominent Brooklyntee who have yielded to the epidemic are County Judge Henry A. Moare, City Judge Van Wyck, Surregate Abbett and State of the Various Reat Club it was decided to tender a reception to Edward Hanlan, the ca-champion single-scull cars raging with sill greater virulence than in those localities where it first got a foot. A Welter-Weight Fighter with a Long

hold.
At Auburn State Prison between fifty and sixty convicts are suffering from the disease in various stages, and a number have been sent to the hospital. Several of the officers and half a hun-

Several of the officers and haif a hundred cadets at the Annapolis Naval Academy are on the sick list, sufficing from influenza and all lattimore is reported to be succeing and coughing.

State officials at Albany say that La Griphe has scriously crippled the working force in the various departments, Among the notable victims are Attorney-Gen. Tabor. Aut. Gen. Porter, Gen. Farnsworth. Deputy Supt. of the Insurance Department Ruggles, and Supt. Mex. May May and May are the May are the order of the May are the May and May are the May are the order of the May are the May are the May are the order of the May are th

Seven People Crushed and Killed Preparations for the Trial of the to result in death.

So many letter-carriers are sick with La Grippe in Newark that the delivery of the mails in that town is being seriously delayed.

In Sign of Slackening in the Spread of the Epidemic.

The enormously increased death-rate of the city during the past two or three days shows that the prevailing epidemic of influence is becoming a much more serious matter than it was at first supposed to be. The number of deaths reported for the twenty-four hours up to noon yesterday was 220, which exceeds the record for many years past.

The very large proportion of these resulting from pneumonia, which in most cases had its crigin in an attack of influence, or La Grippe, makes it clear that the increased mortality can be directly training the past term of the stream of th

is to be ready.

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"We find, for instance, that the matches found around the proper in most case buried only a company at the part of the proper in th

wide waste of waters to traverse—4.764 miles—between Japan and San Francisco.

The possibilities of gales and storms must always be taken into account, and many things may happen to prevent the Oceanic from lowering her record, which she must do if Miss Bly is to realize her hope.

is day which May Bly will gain in her reummavigation of the world. It can best explained in this way;

According to the most reliable author-les date lines occur in the Pacific Ocean

Night-Watchman Richard Hoffmann see date lines occur in the Pacific Ocean covern islands that have received dates or essivard, and those that have received dates or essivard, and those that have received dates or essivard, and those that have received dates of the solution. By continuous discontinuous discontinuous discontinuous property be called the date has a first date of the huge vessel down into her held. The fireboat Zophar Mills lay to along dearned its powerful streams into the bold also. Long after the blaze was out it kept pouring water into the cost east of the Japan Islands, Jesso and Niphon, keeping wast of Gualalum and Margerit's Islands, but east of Bonin, one though the compariment until the cotton bales were streamed to the pumps were set to work.

Then the pumps were set to work.

The alcepting passengers were aroused by the noise and confusion. Some of them went to sleep again, thinking the salte of Paiawan Island. It is here that it achies its most western point, being about its degrees east longitude.

Using these limits from the time any given by begins to the time it ends is fifty-three ours. LEHIGH VALLEY SQUEEZED OUT.

Coal for the New York "L" Road to Come from the Reading Co.

INTERPRETAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

STRILDELPHIA, Jap., 4—The Philadelphia and Record The Company has Just secured the contract to supply 200,000 tons of authracite coal to the Manhattan Elevated Railread Company of New York, those squeezing out the Lehigh Valley Railread Company of New York, those squeezing out the Lehigh Valley Railread Railr

is ler girl had been employed in the

family of A. L. Fach as a domestic. The miy is abore it from town and the house is The girls broke into the house, turned on a electric lights and r. nsacked every om. They secured a little moner, a large antity of ewelry and a considerable quanty of wearing apparel. When they departed they went out by the six door, leaving it open and the lights and one. The police closed the house, it of the electric lights and estight the set the depot, where they were waiting a train. The girls broke into the house, turned on

PADDY DUFFY IS DYING.

List of Victories.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. welter-weight puzzlist, is dring with quick consumption at his home at the North End. buty was born in Boston twenty-five succession and coughing. It of the succession and coughing. It of the last winiped Skin Boherty, Young Shanon, Faddy Carrier, Dan Shirphy, W. Schanon, Faddy Carrier, Dan Shirphy, W. Hosanon, W. Mally, G. Milton, G. Shen, Sirce in the various departments of the Indian State of the Connelly, Frank Brooks, C. Helmand, Faddy Carrier, Wilds, L. McLarley, W. McKen, Pat Farier, Tom Murphy, W. McKen, Pat Farier, Tom Duffy was born in Boston twenty-five

MISS ETHEL LANGDON. There are several others injured, and a binaman and a little pirl are missing. The slide came down from Butts's Flume and accumulated such force as to crush four houses and wreck a church, besides clearing away all the trees in its

pathway. It is feared that another and greater slide may yet come.

FIGHTING FIRE, NOT WAVES.

La Champagne's Sailing Delayed by Burning Cotton in Her Cargo. The steamship La Champagne, of Le

Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, did

this morning as advertised. Some of her passengers went ashore, not to Paris. The majority stayed on board the ship, however, ready to sail whenever fate would let her, and hoping that no such streak of ill-luck was at hand as pursued the French steamers a dozen years ago,

almost to the destruction of the line. La Champagne was at her pier, foot of Morton street, North River, her passengers all aboard and cargo stored, ready Phelps at his new residence. to start at 4 o'clock, when, within ten was raised.

Much speculation has arisen regarding
the day which Mess Bly will gain in her
Eighty or ninety bales were stacked in

Night-Watchman Richard Hoffmann sent an alarm that brought the engines to West street in force. Lines of hose were stretched 500 feet to the dock and over the side of the huge vessel down into her hold. The fireboat Zophar Mills lay to alongside and turned its powerful streams

impassive spectators of what was going on.

A few lady passengers were frightened and insisted on going ashore. They were assisted to the pler and through the lines of police and employees of the Company that immediately closed behind them, allowing none but the firemen to pass.

The ship was still at her pler at sunrise, with the Zophar Mills yet at her side. The police reported that the damage done by the fire would not exceed \$500.

NEGROES ON THE MOVE. 1.300 of Them Pass Through Atlanta,

Westward Bound. ISPECIAL TO THE EVERING WORLD.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 4.—The most curiously loaded trains which ever passed onsly leaded trains which ever passed through Atlanta were the two which have insteame and gone with 1,300 colored neopie with of the passes which the state of t

passenger coaches, and their largage, two cars of it to each train, was fearfully and cars of t to each train, was fearfully and wonderfully made up.

The scrices of new hones were full of wonderful stories and hopeful ideas as to the strange continues to which they were hound. Foor crops and lack of money drove them from Carolina, they said.

TO GET A CARDINAL'S HAT.

News of the Coming Elevation of Archbishop Ireland.

PECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD, I MILWACKEE, Wis., Jan. 4 .- News of a private nature from Baltimore save that statements Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, will within a zear be invested with a Cardinal's hat and made Papai Jelegate for this country.

To Bagulate the Stomach, Liver and Bowels take Carter's Little Liver Pills; one pill a done.

tunate Piggott, who deemed flight and suicide not too heavy a price to pay for liberation from the torture to which a reappearance in the witness-box would have exposed him.

LONDON AND "LA GRIPPE."

Commercial Houses Crippled by the Sickness of Employees. [DUNLAP'S CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.] LONDON, Jan. 4. - The influenza maintains

a firm grip on the English metropolis.

The London hospitals are overcrowded. and at Guy's the doctors and nurses are sufcommercial houses are seriously

crippled by the illness of employees. The London and Westminster Bank has fifty of its staff on the sick list. And not content with commercial victims, the dreaded disease has made serious inroads among the ballet girls playing in the pantomime of "Cinderella" at Her Majesty's

The Prince, in the pantomime, too, is in capacitated, and as his understudy has fol-lowed his example. Miss Minnic Palmer, the Cinderella, was last night compelled to declaim her lines to a reading admirer.

Minister Phelps's House-Warming. IDUNIAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL ! BERLIN. Jan. 4.-The leading social event here next week will be the house-warming be given by United States Minister

IDUNEAU'S CABLE NEWS SPECIAL] London, Jan. 4 .- The illustrated Datty Quantic made its first appearance on the street this afternoon, and begins its career house, with every angury of success. [DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL]

BERLIN, Jan. 4.-The Sultan of Turkey, oress of Germany, has sanctioned the com-sistion of a Protestant church in Bethlenem. Salestine. A Famous Theologue Is Dead. [DUNIAF CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The famous Von Hase.

Professor of Theology at the University of Halle, is dead. The Grand Duke's Cancer. (DUNLAP'S CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)
St. Petersbung, Jan. 4. -11 is announced Grand Duke Nicholas suffers is making over the heart.

Barnum's Injured Elephant-Keeper [DUNCAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.] Barnum employee who was crushed by one of the performing elephants, has so far recovered that he is to be sent to his home

OUR USUAL RAINY SUNDAY.

Warmer, Showery Weather Predicted for New York To-Morrow. After the cold snap which sent the thermometer down to 4 degrees, below freezing to-day, Sergt, Dunn thinks we will have fair and warmer weather. To-morrow will be generally fair, he says, with perhaps

JUDGE KELLEY'S ILLNESS.

Declared Not to Be So Serious as Has Been Reported. INPECTAL TO THE EVENTSO WORLD.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—A Washington special to the Press denies the story printed vester lay's Washington Shor that Conin yester to a washington sao that con-gressman William B. Kelley is daugerously ill. He has a catarrhal trouble, but no caucer, and he expects to be in his seat when congress representative, according to statements by his secretary and his physi-

Quick and Profitable Exchanges are made through The Evening World Exchange

2 O'CLOCK.

An Insane Father Kills His Wife and Child and Then Suicides.

Child Strangled and the the Mother Shot.

Two Days. The Murderer Shot Himself When

Discovered by the Police

With the Corpses fi

Another double murder and suicide has been added to the bloody deeds which have characterized the opening of the

new year. Edward Katzenstein, a bookkeeper, residing at 98 Ewen street, Brooklyn, E. D., reported to the police that a man named Franklin, who lived with his wife and three-year-old daughter at 180 Maujor street, had not been seen by his neighbors since Tuesday, and that Mrs. Frank. lin and her child had not been seen in the house since Wednesday, and that there was something suspicious about

their apartments. A policeman was despatched to

He peered through a rear window and descried Franklin sitting on a bed with a huge revolver in his hand. The policeman demanded admitter

him and threatened to shoot. His manner was so determined that the policeman beat a hasty retreat for the purpose of summoning help

when Franklin levelled his revolver at

He had gone but a few steps when he heard a pistol shot, and returning to the

window, saw Franklin lying on the bed, that the cancer from which the unfortunate blood pouring from a wound directly Raising the window the policer

> entered the room. One glance sufficed to show him that the man was dead. On a bed in an adjoining room, the

> policeman found Mrs. Franklin lying dead, a gaping wound in her head showing where a bullet from her husband's pistol had entered. Beside her tay the body of their three-

year-old daughter, bearing every indication of having been strangled to death. They had evidently been dead about

Some of the neighbors say that Franklin. has been acting queer of late and the impression prevails that he was incang

when he committed the fatal deed. The tragedy has caused the wildest excitement, and horrified neighbors gather around the house and discuss the affair in awe-struck tones.

A BEEF AND PACKING DEAL.

C. H. North & Co., of Boston, Sell Out to Swift & Co., Ohicago,

DIVECTAL TO THE EVENTSIS WORLD. Boxton, Jan. 4.—The great house of Charles H. North & Co. has been sold to the well-known Chicago leef and packing firm of swift & Co.

The amount involved in the transaction is not yet known.

The plant is to be increased.